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A somber down-to-earth attitude is finally sweeping over our home front. The optimism of a possible November victory in Europe has melted in the distant past, the holidays were empty, and the realization of a tough two-front war has really penetrated to our core. Americans are now rolling their sleeves up to the shoulder and have set out to get tough. During the next 6 months, almost a million more men have to be taken into the services, and about 600,000 more workers are needed in War Industry.

Close by us, Fitchburg, is a good example of a city working for war, and is rated as the most critical city in Massachusetts today. Producing guns, small arms, shell fuses, textiles, paper, castings, turbines, cutting and guiding tools, our neighboring city is harnessed to produce for war. Ashby is supplying her share of the manpower that operates these war plants.

Perhaps you don't know that now no one can leave an essential job without good cause and a referral by the War Manpower Commission is needed. Every company is limited to the total number of employees that they may have and the unessential plants are barred from hiring any help whatsoever. Means are now being sought to force additional men into essential work, and all workers, male

or female, must work 48 hours a week.

Food is still reasonably plentiful although red meat and butter are considered "finds". Clothing, particularly childrens, is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, but on the whole there is no real shortage of essential articles.

So on the face of it there probably doesn't appear to be any knuckling-down, but what is not apparent is the mental attitude. The people feel that they have been looking through rose colored glasses--they are ready to go to bat, and that is a healthy situation.

Letters from the Boys and Girls

Marston Page AEM 2/c writes from Florida-"It is a wonderful idea to have a newsletter like the "Pump" and I look forward to it each month.---I see that they have asked the fellows to write about themselves.---As you know, I'm down here in Miami and I suppose you all think how nice it would be to spend the winter in Florida. Well, take it from me, there's no place like home." He also sends thanks for the billfold he received from the committee.

A letter from "Rich" Wilkinson reads: "First, I want to thank you very much for the fine billfold I received recently. This morning the November issue of the "Town Pump" arrived and I lost no time in reading the latest news of the others in the service and the happenings at home.---It was a short trip this time and a short stay in the States, so I'll be spending Xmas and New Years overseas again as I did last year. I saw Raymond Wright in North Africa again. He's fine and had just received his billfold with which he was very pleased."

Leo Honkala writes: "Just a note to let you know that the billfold you sent me arrived here today in good condition. Also I want to thank all the folks back in good old Ashby who make it possible for you to send us these gifts. As I am not allowed to say where I am or what the weather is like, about the only thing left to say is, I want to wish everyone in Ashby a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

From Wallace Elliott, we hear: "I want to thank you and the rest of the people back home in the town for the paper which you have been sending to me regularly. It's a very nice paper and I enjoy it very much.--- I also want to thank you all for the very nice Xmas present I received. It certainly came over fast. I was one of the first boys in my company to receive an Xmas package.---You asked us to write and tell you what kind of work we are doing if it were possible, but about all they want us to write in the army is 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' and that we are fine and safe.---But I will say that our main job for some time now has been building roads and getting logs for lumber. My brother Clarence and I had quite a surprise last week when we met each other. I had a twenty-four hour pass which we

spent together.---I am living in a cabin which I and three other fellows built. We bought a little cook stove for the cabin, so as long as we can keep the wood sawed up, we will keep warm and dry.---Since the day I was drafted into the army, I have done a lot of travelling. I have been in Wales, England, France, Belgium and some parts of Germany. My last visit in France was at Brest. From there we came to Belgium, where I am at the present time."

Warren writes: "I received my Xmas package and the "Town Pump" on the same day. I want to thank the townspeople for the very fine pocketbook they sent me for Xmas.---I haven't been lucky enough to meet any of the boys, not even my own brothers. I doubt if I will get a chance to see them until after the defeat of Germany.---I have been fighting on the front lines since we arrived on the beaches of France.---I believe we have had two days rest in six months."

From Mark Thatcher we hear: "I received your gift and I'm very pleased with it to say the least. I suppose I should have waited until Xmas to open it, but the temptation was too great. Your newspaper is a swell idea and very interesting even to a comparative newcomer to the town such as I am. The weather here is still mild but once in a while we get a hint of the cold weather that is to come. I can see now why people come to Florida for the winter. Many thanks again for your gift."

We have had two letters this past month from Rudy Salo. We were so pleased because they gave us just the kind of news we want to pass on to all of you. To Quote:

"In your Sept. issue of the Town Pump you asked us to write and tell you what we are doing. Why, hell, man, you bet your life I don't want to get in trouble with the censors; I've

done more K.P. and hard labor than a good many boys. There aren't enough trucks in Ashby to haul all the "spuds" I've had to peel." Rudy is quite proud of his outfit, and well he may be, for they advanced 763 miles into enemy territory and sustained many a loss of personnel, equipment, or vehicles. However, Rudy wished those miles had been advanced into the good old U.S.A. Rudy sent us the label from a bottle of Rheims champagne and said, "I had three quarts of it, and the same thing happened to me as did to the guy in the Town Pump who dumped the sink into the bottle; etc. To continue, "my teeth are still in my toolbox, for when I tried to eat these Army crackers, they clattered, banged, and just about turned upside down. I figured they were kind of stubborn so I let them snap on the hammers and tools a while. They remind me too much of a snapping turtle" Rudy would like Clarence and Warren Elliott and Bill Pesola to note his address:

Cpl. Rudy Salo
Btry D 449th A.A.A.W. Bn.
A.P.O. 654 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

We have also received a V-mail letter from Bill Pesola in appreciation of the Town Pump and Xmas gift, one too from Dick Leighton in the South Pacific. In a letter from Edwin Tiilikkala he writes: "According to the Town Pump, several local boys have taken the same course into Germany as I have, but I haven't had the luck to meet any of them. I hope our next meeting place will be at the old town pump very soon." Here's Ed's address--

Sgt. J.E. Tiilikkala 31389000
Co. C. 87th Cmb. Btn. Mty.
A.P.O. 230 c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

To the Ashby Town Pump:

I have been receiving the Town Pump regularly and have enjoyed it very much. It is very

interesting to hear about the others from Ashby who are in the Services, as well as the home-town news the paper contains. I wish to thank all who are responsible for sending me the Town Pump.

Sincerely,
W.J. Parker.

Note: Walter's new address is:

Lt. (jg) W.J. Parker, U.S.N.
U.S.S. Bladen c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Cal.

He was promoted to lieutenant, junior grade in September. He is now on a troop ship after having been in California since last March.

To the Ashby Town Pump:

I would like very much to write you a letter with some news of my adventures in it but nothing ever happens around here. I just keep on going to school, and a lot of fellows would give their right arm to be in my place. I never had any great interest in Radio, but the Army said "Radio Man" so off to Radio school I was sent. It was at Fort Monmouth, N.J. where I was taught the elements of Radio and a few airborne sets. Now I am going to school again. It has really got me interested in Radio for it is really remarkable. No matter how bad the fog may get, radio can bring any plane down to earth for a perfect three-point landing. The operation is so perfect that I begin to realize that radio is wonderful for the things it can do, from flying a pilot-less plane to separating the colors of the spectrum.

We are expecting to go overseas very soon, which I'm looking forward to very much.

I want to thank you all for your monthly paper, it is to me as a letter from home, my home. It is through this paper that we Servicemen may find other "Ashbyites" all over the world.

I also received your Xmas gift which was a wonderful thought. It is now carrying my

personal photographs and my numerous papers. I shall never forget "dear old Ashby" for one minute.

An Ashby Boy,
Ralph E. Varney.

Dear Editor:

Received your Christmas package this past week. Was quite surprised to see the snap shots in the wallet. I think it was an excellent idea and thank you very much for the gift. It was an ideal choice. I've been getting all editions of the paper regularly. As yet I haven't met anyone from Ashby, or for that matter, Fitchburg.

I've moved from the island of Kanai to Oahu and have visited Honolulu a few times. The city is clean and modern and the climate is very agreeable. But give me New England, and that turn left from the Common down South Road and I'll be happy.

Thanks again, and the best of everything for the coming holidays to you and the staff.

Sincerely,
Eino Malm

From the Hawaiian Islands T/S Leonard Roberts sends greetings to Ashby and wishes to be remembered to all the boys and girls in the service. He has received the "Town Pump" and has enjoyed it so much. Leonard thinks that Johnny Johnson and Wally Tiilikala are somewhere near him, but so far he has been unable to contact them.

From Francis P. Bennett Fl/c,
"To the Town Pump:"

Have received the Oct. issue of the Town Pump and also the Xmas gift, which arrived in excellent condition. It is something which I can put to immediate use. Many thanks.

I suppose you are wondering how I should know what was inside of a Christmas package at this early date. Well, to be truthful, I pecked. Now you know all."

In addition to these fine letters, we have received from our boys, the Town Pump has also received Christmas cards from some of its well-wishers. Cpl. Leon Pinceo, Jack Woodruff and 1st Lieut. Dottie Bernhardt who also adds "As yet I haven't had much chance to write letters, but soon now I'll get a break and will be able to drop you a real line. In the meantime, I want to show my appreciation for the wallet which you sent me. I thought it was wonderful and I have showed it to the whole hospital. Everyone always says-"Gee, you must come from a nice small town. They really don't know what I do think of Ashby. I'm certainly proud of it and some day I'm going to try to show my appreciation. Thanking all of you, Dottie."

John Mattila writes: "I've been receiving the Town Pump for some time but have never seemed to have had the time to tell you how much I enjoyed reading those articles on the people from home before so here's belated thanks to whom thanks are due, from one who hopes you will continue to send the news in the same style and about the people we know best--the fellow next door.--Many thanks to all for the fine wallet which came not long ago. It was just the thing I've been looking for.--There's very little to tell of what's going on here in Panama, as we all know it is just another place where soldiers are stationed for "just in case."

Iilmari Salo writes: "I wish to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the Town Pump for the Xmas present which you so kindly sent me. I also wish to thank you for the Town Pump which finds its way to me every month although I move from camp to camp quite often.--I am assigned to Special Service and my job is to play the accordion. I have been on several bond tours

and am starting on an eleven day Bond tour tomorrow.--While at Camp Reynolds, Pa. a few weeks ago, I had a very pleasant surprise. I bumped into Everett Radcliffe walking down one of our streets in camp. He is the first home town person whom I had met in the service. In closing, I wish once again to thank you and to wish you continued success with the Town Pump and a Merry Xmas to you all."

A short note from Frances Evans states: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wallet the town of Ashby gave me. It will be very useful and I feel sure everyone who received one will think so also."

Pvt. Warren Cutting writes from Virginia of receiving the Christmas gift from the "Town Pump" and how much he enjoyed it and the Wilkinson boys pictures which were in it. Warren thinks the "Jarcy Club" sounds very good and something which was needed in Ashby. Warren feels he is lucky to be back in the States and able to enjoy the good things of life and get home once in a while.

Bud Piper received his Oct. Town Pump and the Christmas gift at the same time. He said that the bill fold really hit the spot also that the "Town Pump" has been one of his greatest comforts those past few months. He goes on to say "I've been over here nearly three years and I can truthfully say that I've never, in all that time, felt so close to Ashby's town folks and servicemen and women as I have recently. Thanks so much for everything."

We hear that Theodore Haavisto is on a sea tender now. Good luck Ted. He has received his "Town Pump" Christmas gift and says it was a beauty.

The following letter was received from Lieut. Ruth Robbins Lafley-

"Dear Folks of Ashby:

I'm ashamed I have not written you before how much I have appreciated the editions of the "Town Pump". It keeps us up on the news of our town so we still feel a vital part of it.

When we all return we won't have that "catching up" on what our friends have been doing. We'll feel more at home and it will be easier for us to adapt ourselves because of your efforts in printing this unique sheet. My friends from other states and communities think it is a grand idea and wish their town was doing it too.

Thanks again. I'm so proud of Ashby because of the thoughtful and considerate people who make it what it is."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Warren Elliott	Feb. 1
Richard Wilkinson	" 4
Iilmari Salo	" 5
Merrick Pillsbury	" 7
Edwin Walker	" 10
Wiljo Pesola	" 15
Ernest Holmes	" 15
Roy Holmes	" 16
John Woodruff	" 16
Michael Enright	" 17
Fred Erickson	" 18
Theodore Haavisto	" 18
Andrew Hanson	" 20
William Honlin	" 23

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Christmas was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wass a week ahead of time this year to coincide with the leave of their daughter Shirley, who is stationed at Chelsea Naval Hospital. They also entertained the following wives over the week end of Dec. 16--Ave M. Hardenbrook Ph.M. 3/c of Indiana, Carolyn T. Secula HA1/c of Michigan and Frances Fisher HA 1/c of California.

Santa paid an early visit, so a tree was enjoyed and all the rest that goes with a real Xmas celebration. Outdoor sports were enjoyed by all. The snow was of great interest to "Wave" Fisher from California, who said it was much whiter than the pictures she had seen of snow.

Sunday evening the girls attended the performance of the "Messiah" at the Rollstone Church in Fitchburg.

The Waves all agreed that a Christmas spent in Ashby was something to remember.

Helen Harris has left Ashby to be with her mother in North Plymouth, and her place at the ration board has been taken over by Mary Damon.

Richard Cooley is a member of the Simonds Saw basketball squad which is playing in the Fitchburg Industrial league.

We hear rumors of a barn to be built over at Kendall Crocker's that will really be something. They're going to give the "gals" a little air conditioning!

The Congregational Sunday School held its annual Christmas celebration Friday Dec. 22. The exercises were preceded by a supper which was served by the Woman's Union. A well laden tree and a visit from Santa was of course, the right ending to such an affair.

The Unitarian Sunday School held its annual Christmas celebration Sat. Dec. 23. A well attended supper, followed by a program by the children, a tree, and Santa, made a very pleasant evening.

At our latest report, Walter Fier is steadily improving. He is now at his home on Main St.

Ruth Cheney is now working for the Boston Insurance Company in Fitchburg.

Earl Holmes, son of Mrs. George Holmes, recently underwent an operation at the Burbank Hospital. He has made a rapid recovery and is now home. We have just received a card from Allan Holmes giving us his new address, an A.P.O. in San Francisco--good luck, Allan.

Ralph Rackliffe has done some remodeling and painting at his familiar half-way (Ashby-Fitchburg) house. The Wilkinsons have been busy down there with new windows, clapboarding and odds and ends.

Mr. Herbert Liebrich, Phil Foresman's father in law, has bought Mrs. Louise Billing's home (the old Hanley Farm) on Russell Hill which he intends to remodel and eventually go into turkey raising. If our memory serves us right, this old, old, house has 18 fireplaces.

As the real cold weather has set in, the Firemen have had their hands full with chimney fires. The first was up at the Watton's, near the Stock Farm, where a stovepipe has been painted all too recently, and then one very cold night--ask the Brand boys who rode the back of the pumper--Leo Fors had a chimney fire; the next day Matti Honkala put in a call for the same trouble; as did the Greenoughs and the Goguens.

Several dozen Christmas wreaths were made by Mrs. Otto Louhi, Mrs. Sani Haavisto, and Mrs. Sven Maki and donated to the servicemen's committee to be sold. The proceeds, \$27.65, were added to the general fund. The ladies have all our real thanks for the time and effort given to help our fund, and in turn our boys and girls.

Another communication regarding the Reader's Digest subscriptions:

A regulation of the Postal Authorities requires that before a subscription to a magazine may be sent to a service man or woman overseas, a request for the magazine must first be made by the person wishing to receive it.

In order that we of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church may be of service to you and at the same time comply with postal regulations, will any who have not already received their subscriptions or those who have been receiving it for a year and wish their subscription renewed, please send us their name and address? So far as our finances will permit we shall be happy to send the Reader's Digest to you.

Please send your request to either Mrs. Howard Wilkinson or Mrs. Everett Tremorgy.

DEER HUNTING SEASON

Well, fellows, here's the facts about the luck of the Ashby deer hunters in that one eventful week of the season. Let's begin at the bottom, namely that small animal that Charlie Erickson called, while dragging it out of the woods, a 90 lb. doe, but which shrunk to 40 lbs. when he had to check it in at home with his comrades. So Charlie is trying to answer why he shoots doe the size of rabbits or police dogs. Some doubt exists about whether he didn't think it was a rabbit when he shot.

When Gus Erickson brought in what was really a doe, Charlie dressed his off right away and made a meal of it. Gus has got his cooling off for later festivals.

Our old friend, Johnnie Brewer, came over from Worcester and popped off the biggest doe on this list, and it was a big one. That meat went right back to Worcester with John.

"Handle Bars" Norman Tilton and "Samp Davis didn't brag at all about their doe, but they were O.K.

"Blackie" could have stood the shock of knocking one off a little larger, but nevertheless they chalked it up as a doe.

Now, about the "Bucks". "Alf" Brewer was moseying about his farm-house one of those pleasant afternoons, looking for something to do, and an 8 point buck came to call on him. So "Alf" treated him to a little rock salt and talked pleasantly to him while he loaded a nearby gun. Now, Mr. Buck has a permanent resting place in "Alf's" city home on Main St.

"Swin" Maki got his 6 pointer the hard way. He had to use real huntsman's strategy.

Clarence Wright stayed on the list of "almost again". Clarence was out two days and had a lot of fun, so did the two big bucks, that saw him first. Clarence banged away but lost track of where the bullets landed.

Now, this one is not to be laughed at. It is too pathetic. We know you all will talk about it only in the right place.

Geo. Geoley went out four days, shot at four different deer but none of them stopped for him. But, that wasn't really George's fault. If George had had that good old trusty automatic, with which in his hands a deer's life wasn't worth a nickle, instead of a twin-barrel shot gun which pushed the lead high and wide, George would have been on the "got one" list, no doubt.

George Elliott doesn't mind telling that he too went on the "fired and missed" list.

Just the same, it was a successful season and went through in true sportsmanship style. It is usually heard on the street that someone knocked off someone else's "dead meat" etc. but if there was any of that this year, it was in such faint murmurs that they weren't audible to the curious. The total score was nine, (9).

To Editor of Ashby Town Pump:

Dear Sir:

We read in your November issue about Ralph Varney's Southern Railroad trips. Don't get discouraged, Ralph. You haven't seen anything yet, if the following account is true.

A fellow had waited three or four hours beyond the scheduled time for his train. It was long over-due at this small Southern station and he had pestered the station agent several times with questions so he finally stretched out on the seats for a snooze. After more time had passed, he was awakened by the agent who said, "Ah thinks yo train'll be long soon, sah, for thar's the conductor's dawg a comin' 'round the curve."

Respectfully yours,
Clara M. Durkee

The Jarcy Club had an ambitious idea of flooding Damon Pond, so that a nice clear surface could be had for skating. They hauled out the fire engine and for several hours worked until the old ice was covered with a new cover of water. The night had been cold, the job had been a hard one, and two hours later it started to snow.

The Jarcy, all 48 of them, thrilled the townsfolk a few nights before Xmas by serenading many of the homes near the center of town with Christmas carols. Besides cold feet, they managed to pick up about six pounds of chocolates and returned to the "Rumpus Room" for hot chocolate and brownies.

NEWS OF OUR BOYS

Cpl. Luther H. Hayes, Jr. U.S.M.C. has reported to his new base at Iona Island Ammunition Depot, near Poughkill, N.Y., about 40 miles from New York City. Cpl. Hayes, who recently returned from 29 months service in the Southwest Pacific

area, has been spending a 30 day furlough at his home here.

Getting back into civilization again, after living in the far away Pacific war torn islands for so long, was a wonderful experience for the young Marine.

For the first few days, rest and sleep were needed after the long ride from California in a troop train. Soon, relatives and friends, whom he had not seen for a long time, sent word that they wanted to see him. So rest was out of the question for him and visiting was in order.

He willingly told many experiences he has had during his marine career, including the fighting at Guadalcanal, invasion at Cape Gloucester and the terrific fighting at Peleliu during September. His stories about the natives, their customs and habits would make interesting reading for school children.

While here, he attended the wedding of one of his pals, Arthur Foresman AMI 2/c, and saw much of Raymond Wilkinson, former member of the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal.

He left for his new base on Dec. 31, 1944 still looking for rest and sleep.

Cpl. Merrick Pillsbury, recently returned from several months with the army in Italy, is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Laura Pillsbury.

EMI 3/c Thomas Hanson, USCG, recently spent a leave with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hanson, of Mason Road, Ashby, before reporting to his ship in Miami, Fla. He recently completed a course at Franklin Teck, in Boston, and was presented a certificate of high credit at the completion of his schooling for achieving highest honors in his class.

Cpl. Richard Wilkinson recently returned to the States with a load of patients and is now on his 4th trip overseas. He had flown over Vesuvius, had been to Africa, France, Italy, Corsica, Sicily and the Azores. He received the Christmas package from the Town and thanks all for the interest Ashby shows to her servicemen. "No one knows until they are away how much these things are appreciated."

Both Richard and Raymond Wilkinson have expressed their thanks and appreciation for their Xmas gifts.

From Panama we have had tidings of John Mattila who sends his thanks for our past issues and our Xmas present. John has been there now for 28 months, and though impatient for action, he and his buddies consider themselves fortunate in having such fine living conditions.

Aura Louhi sent her best wishes of the season and her thanks for the Town Pump and Vallet. Aura is stationed at Patterson Field in Fairfield, Ohio and has hopes of seeing the old home town very soon.

In our December issue we erroneously reported Dick Robbins instead of Dick Wilkinson as being in the Mediterranean Area. Dick Robbins is "somewhere" in the Pacific.

Ton Hansen writes us that he's really in luck for he's stationed at the same base from which his brother Andy's ship operates. "We've already met as I had the pleasure of rolling him out of his bunk when I arrived here in the middle of the night." Ton is going to an advanced Electricians' school in Philadelphia and is quite pleased to be up north for a spell.

Bob Pollock, a Fitchburg friend of yours, writes us from the South Pacific that he'd enjoy some of the cold weather we're now having, and we are having plenty of it. On the other hand, we would love a little of that extra warm weather!

A letter from Fred Erickson, dated Nov. 30, tells of receiving the Christmas bill fold and that it sure was appreciated. Fred hopes to see Ashby in 1945 and we hope so too.

Theodore Haavisto got home for the holiday as did George Holander and Paul Heikila.

Shirley B. Mass Ph.M. 3/c sends thanks to the Town Pump for the Xmas bill fold. Shirley said, "nothing could have been nicer and the idea of the pictures was grand and such a surprise, too. Thanks again and a Happy New Year to all." We notice you have made your Ph.M. 3/c Shirley, Congratulations!

"Sonny" Walker, who is with the Merchant Marines, has recently been home on leave. During the short time "Sonny" has been in the service, he has made two trips to England, landing at Liverpool and Plymouth. He has hopes to make a trip in the Pacific and to have Bob Varney for a bunk mate.

Frances Evans a/s reported to Hunter College (U.S.S. Hunter) in New York, on Dec. 14 as a member of the Waves.

THE NEW YEAR 1945

It's grand to feel we are starting now,
In this New Year that we face,
But are there things we left undone,
Before the throne of Grace?

We all have tried to do our
best,
In our own unselfish way,
But was it enough I asked my-
self
At the beginning of each new
day?

Our boys and girls have given
all,
To protect us here at home,
While North and South, East and
West,
They are called upon to roam.

I am proud of you, one and all
For your brave and danger-
ous tasks.
We pray for you day and night,
Until we have Victory at last.

Please accept this New Year
prayer,
From a mother who understands,
Ashby will be waiting to greet
you
With happy hearts, and out-
stretched hands.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Mrs. Jennie Loveland

BIRTHS

A son, Robert Crosby Lyman,
born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J.
Lyman of South Road, on Dec. 6,
1944.

A son recently born to Mr.
and Mrs. Percy Wiswell (Esther
Welch) of Erickson Road.

Mrs. Anno (Haavisto) Powron
had a baby boy, Scott Allan, on
Nov. 16, 1944 in Bangor, Me.

Mrs. Piorta (Laitala) Rolph
had a baby boy on her 21st
anniversary.

I draw my line at kissing,
She said with firm intent;
But he was a football player,
So over the line he went.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

We thought you'd like to know
that Mrs. Harry Leighton and Mrs.
Chester Hopkins (Polly Piper)
are our willing typists. They
have given generously of their
time. We really appreciate it ,
especially when the editors use
the " one-finger system" !!!

"Sugar pie" said the dark one
to his Susie," did that kiss I
just gave you make you long for
another ?"

"It sure did," said Susie,"But
he's out of town."

Pvt."What's the best way to
teach a girl to swim?"

Pfc."That requires technique.
First, you put your left arm
around her waist, then, you gently
take her left hand - "

Pvt."She's my sister."

Pfc."Oh -- push her off the
dock."

Ship's Service Girl:"Here's
a greeting card with a beautiful
sentiment:'To the only girl I
ever loved' "

Sailor:"Wonderful ! I'll take
a dozen of these."

Zoo Visitor:"Where are the monkeys?
Keeper: "They're in the back
making love."

Zoo Visitor:"Would they come out
for peanuts ?"

Keeper: "Would you ?"

And did you hear the one about
the most jealous man in the world
who shot his sweetheart when she
told him she ate her breakfast
with gusto?

